

NOTICES.

First, to all members of the Students' Association a happy Christmas and successful New Year. May it inaugurate a period of united, disinterested, and happy work.

The next issue of "L'Umile Pianta" will be February 25th or March 1st. All communications must reach the editor by February 14th.

All subscriptions for 1909 are due on January 1st, and should be paid to the treasurer, Miss L. Grey, 5, Old Palace Lane, Richmond, Surrey.

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Travel Notes.—Mrs. Esslemont, 27, West Avenue, Gosforth.

AN ESSAY CLUB.

Members are wanted for an Essay Club, which has existed for the last twelve years, but has lately lost some of its older members. The members receive a volume containing each other's essays on three alternative subjects monthly. These they read, mark, and criticise and pass on. In this way every member marks and comments upon the work of every other.

A yearly subscription of 2s. 6d. is charged, which, after the secretary's postage has been deducted, is divided half-yearly among the prize winners according to the marks. One prize to the writer of the essays whose united marks are highest for the past year, and one prize to the winner of the highest marks for a single essay. Writers are allowed to take one holiday per term.

The subjects are selected from a list sent in by the writers half-yearly, and once a term a writer is allowed to choose a subject not entered on the list to write upon.

Each writer assumes a *nom de plume* under which to write her essays and criticisms.

The subjects for the following month are:—"George Meredith's Views of Women," "The Mind's Eye," "Dances and Dancing."

The Editor would be very glad to answer further inquiries, and to forward any names received to the secretary.

Intending members are asked to join at once, as a fresh half-year has just begun.

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STUDENTS' MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held on Saturday, October 17th. There were present: The Misses Armitage, Bell, Blease, Edgar, Fountain, Gayford, and Rothera.

Various questions were discussed relating to the school work, and it was unanimously decided—

1. To once more make an appeal to the students to be sure that their addresses in the "Pianta" are correct and up to date, great inconvenience being caused to secretaries.
2. To ask if it is not possible for the "Pianta" to appear on the date fixed.
3. That this branch should hold two meetings a term.
4. That each member should pay a subscription of 3d. a year to cover postage expenses. Next meeting to be held on November 28th.

D. S. BLEASE, Secretary.

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STUDENTS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,
NOVEMBER 14th.

Six students present:—Misses Conder, Faunce, Franklin, Gray, Kitching, Parish. Miss Parish in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed, the correspondence was considered. A letter was read from Miss Drury protesting against suggestions 3 and 6 in the last number of "The Plant," on the ground that it is a pity to print anything which leaves a permanent record of our attitude towards some temporary difficulty.

Various suggestions were read from students for papers for the Students' Conference, such as (1) The creation of transition classes in the P.U. school, so that pupils could be moved up each year; (2) That some book be recommended as an aid to memory-drawing, particularly drawing of animals; (3) As to whether there could be an interchange of programmes and time-tables between students, showing how the various classes can best be worked together. The voting as to the duration of the Conference resulted in twenty-four votes for the whole week, as opposed to nineteen for the week-end. The Students' Conference will, therefore, take place April 19th—26th, 1909. Students will assemble on April 19th, and the time set aside for reading and discussing papers is:—Tuesday, April 20th, 10—1 and 2.30—4.30; Wednesday, 10—1; Thursday, 10—11, making in all nine hours.

During this time nine papers will be read, the subjects having been selected according to the votes of the many students who have kindly sent suggestions. They are:—(1) French, (2) geography, (3) Brush-drawing, (4) picture talk, (5) reading, (6) Latin, (7) Peutarch, (8) Occupations for Sundays and wet days, (9) influence and ideals.

It is hoped by the next issue of "The Pianta" to publish a detailed programme, with the names of those who will kindly read the papers. It was decided to ask for papers

of twenty minutes' duration, and to leave twenty-five minutes for discussion after each paper. This will make it possible to have some time at the end of each session for an open discussion on some of those subjects which have been proposed but which could not otherwise be discussed.

It is hoped that there will be one, and if possible two, evening debates on (a) "Social work," (b) "Scouting and Girls' Camps."

It was proposed to ask students to vote for the criticism lessons they would most prefer to have on April 22nd.

A resolution was passed that, whenever possible, the meetings of the S.E.C. shall take place at 2.30 instead of 4.30.

NEXT MEETING.

The next Students' meeting will be held on December 19th, at 3.30, at 13, Chilworth Street. The next Students' Executive Committee meeting will be held at 2.30, date and place the same.